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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: YAO, L.

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FOR: APOPTOSIS-ASSOCIATED FACTOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 8, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I (Claims 1-8, 10-13, 20, and 25-41) for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-8, 10-13, 20, and 25-41, drawn to polynucleotides comprising SEQ ID NO: 1 and 3, polynucleotides encoding proteins comprising the amino acid SEQ ID NO: 2 and 4, a complementary sequence to the polynucleotide, a vector, and transformant comprising the polynucleotide and method of using the polynucleotides to produce protein;
- Group II: Claims 9 and 21-24, drawn to proteins;
- Group III: Claims 14 and 42-45, drawn to antibodies against the protein encoded by SEQ ID NO: 2 and 4;
- Group IV: Claims 15-18 and 46-50, drawn to an immunological assay and method for screening a substance regulating apoptosis cell proliferation of cell death;